

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

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1. A method of printing limited edition stamps from a plurality of different printers, the limited edition stamps each having a unique ID, comprising the steps of:

allocating a selected number of said unique IDs to one of said plurality of different printers; and

printing said selected number of limited edition stamps with said unique IDs by said one printer.

2. A method according to claim 1 further comprising the steps of:

ordering said limited edition stamps at a first location; and  
said printing occurring at a second location.

3. A method according to claim 2 further comprising the steps of:

*said limited edition being picked up at said second location.*

4. A method according to claim 1 further comprising the steps of:

ordering said limited edition stamps at a first location; and  
forwarding said limited edition stamps to a second location.

5. A method according to claim 4 wherein said forwarding said limited edition stamps comprising mailing said limited edition stamps to designated location.

6. A method according to claim 5 wherein said designated location is the address of a purchaser of said limited edition stamps.

7. A method of printing limited edition stamps from a plurality of different locations, the limited edition stamps each having a unique ID, comprising the steps of:

allocating said unique IDs for a selected number of limited edition stamps to one location of said plurality of different locations; and

printing said selected number of limited edition stamps at said one location.

8. A method according to claim 7 further comprising the steps of:

ordering said limited edition stamps at a first location; and  
said printing occurring at a second location.

9. A method according to claim 8 further comprising the steps of:

said limited edition being picked up at said second location.

10. A method according to claim 7 further comprising the steps of:

ordering said limited edition stamps at a first location; and  
forwarding said limited edition stamps to a second location.

11. A method according to claim 10 wherein said forwarding said limited edition stamps comprising mailing said limited edition stamps to designated location.

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12. A limited edition stamp comprising:  
a first indicia identifying said limited edition stamps as being a limited edition;  
a second indicia which is not visible under normal viewing conditions for confirming that said limited edition stamp is a valid limited edition stamp.

13. A limited edition stamp according to claim 12 wherein said first indicia comprises a unique ID.

*Sub A1* 14. A limited edition stamp according to claim 13 wherein said first indicia is visible.

*Sub A2* 15. A limited edition stamp according to claim 13 wherein said unique ID identifies that said limited edition stamp one out of a predetermined amount.

16. A limited edition stamp according to claim 12 said second indicia is not visible to the eye under normal viewing conditions.

17. A limited edition stamp according to claim 16 wherein said second indicia is not capable of being scanned.

*Sub B2* 18. A limited edition stamp according to claim 17 wherein said second indicia is made using an ink that can be seen when view under UV or infrared light.

*Sub C2* 19. A limited edition stamp according to claim 12 wherein a third indicia is provided for identifying the printer and/or location where said limited edition stamp was printed.

20. A limited edition stamp according to claim 19 wherein said third indicia is not visible to the eye under normal viewing conditions.

21. A limited edition stamp according to claim 20 wherein said third indicia is not capable of being scanned.

22. A limited edition stamp according to claim 21 wherein said third indicia is made using an ink that can be seen when view under UV or infrared light.

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23. A sheet of limited edition stamps, each stamp comprising: a first indicia identifying said limited edition stamps as being a limited edition; a second indicia which is not visible under normal viewing conditions for confirming that said limited edition stamp is a valid limited edition stamp.

24. A sheet of limited edition stamps according to claim 23 wherein said first indicia comprises a unique ID.

*Sub D2* 25. A sheet of limited edition stamps according to claim 24 wherein said first indicia is visible.

26. A sheet of limited edition stamps according to claim 24 wherein said unique ID identifies that said limited edition stamp one out of a predetermined amount.

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C3* 27. A sheet of limited edition stamps according to claim 23 said second indicia is not visible to the eye under normal viewing conditions.

28. A sheet of limited edition stamps according to claim 27 wherein said second indicia is not capable of being scanned.

29. A sheet of limited edition stamps according to claim 28 wherein said second indicia is made using an ink that can be seen when view under UV or infrared light.

30. A sheet of limited edition stamps according to claim 23 wherein a third indicia is provided for identifying the printer and/or location where said limited edition stamp was printed.

31. A sheet of limited edition stamps according to claim 30 wherein said third indicia is not visible to the eye under normal viewing conditions.

32. A sheet of limited edition stamps according to claim 31 wherein said third indicia is not capable of being scanned.

33. A sheet of limited edition stamps according to claim 32 wherein said third indicia is made using an ink that can be seen when viewed under UV or infrared light.

  
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